History Swapping

February is Black History Month and celebrations help us experience a culture of which we are fairly unaware. We learned about the Underground Railroad, the vast 19th century network of secret routes used by slaves who sought refuge and freedom in Canada from the United States, in history classes if we were lucky, but it was a passing lesson.

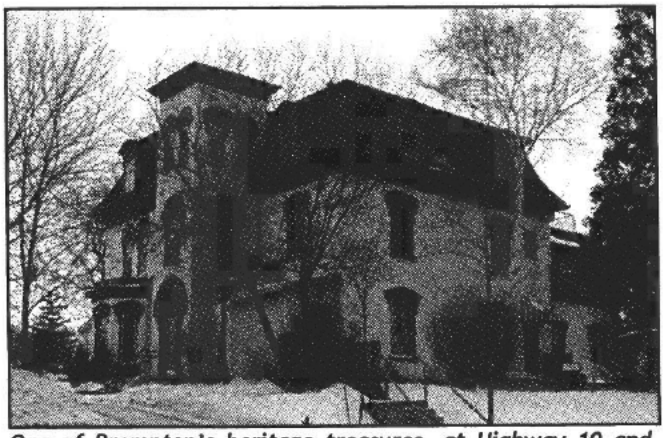
With the assistance of black and white abolitionists thousands of enslaved and many free African-American refugees entered Canada from east to west, the majority crossing over into what is now south-western Ontario. They formed communities in growing villages and towns, cleared forests and pioneered new farmland.

In October, 2001 slaves who escaped and those who helped them were remembered, as two bronze statues were unveiled in Detroit and Windsor, with the names of key operatives of the Underground Railroad engraved at the base of the statues. The Windsor monument is inscribed with, *Keeping the Flame of Freedom Alive*.

History tends to become a personal thing as we ponder our pasts and foster our finer moments. Black History events this month encourage us to open our eyes, stroll down other paths and broaden our horizons.

Celebrate the achievements of African-Canadians; visit the Emmanuel T. Glover exhibit at the Art Gallery of Peel this month. The Mississauga artist, a native of Ghana in West Africa, is presenting a show that reflects his cultural heritage.

During Heritage Week February 16th to 24th let us experience other heritages. History is a brightly textured, multicoloured mosaic, an intricate blend of many backgrounds.



One of Brampton's heritage treasures, at Highway 10 and English Street.

Buffy's Corner

The official newsletter of the Brampton Historical Society
Conserve, Educate and Celebrate Brampton's History
Buffy's Corners, the original name of Brampton, was the site of the respectable tavern owned by William Buffy, considered to be the father of Brampton. His pioneer spirit (pun intended) lives on in the name of our journal. History "buffs" are invited into The Corner to share their stories and comments.
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Brampton *Hysterical* Society Joke-of-the-Month

There was a man who entered the Buffy's Corner's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

Buffy's Corner, published 4 times per year, is free to BHS members (see back page for membership details)

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And all you history buffs who renewed for 2002.
Membership nearly striking 70!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Peter Murphy

From our first meeting held on October 1st 1998, I am honoured now to be following in the footsteps of Paul Hunt, Michael Seaman and Heather Gunter, as President of the Brampton Historical Society. We have a full programme of interesting and informative events scheduled for 2002. Particular thanks, in this regard is owing to Janice Smith, our Secretary, who also chairs the Programme Committee.

I would particularly encourage members and friends with an interest in Ontario's heritage to attend our next meeting on February 21st when our guest speaker will be Robert Saunders, President of Community Heritage Ontario. Bob will be addressing the state of heritage legislation in this province. I think it will be a wake-up call for us all.

Our gift of poster sized copies of the 1857 map of Brampton to representatives from the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Board for use in Brampton's schools was much appreciated. So much so in fact that, members of our executive were invited to make a presentation before both boards at their regular meetings on January 22nd. Sales of the posters are moving at a healthy rate with much credit going to our Treasurer and master salesman, Gerry Clarkson.

Members are encouraged to drop by the Peel Heritage Complex for Heritage Day celebrations on February 17th. A wide variety of events is scheduled to meet all interests, including a used book sale and tea, courtesy of Mossie's Tea room of Bovaird House fame.

"Doors Open" Brampton will be our biggest event of the year and more on this exciting project can be found in Michael Avis' column. Suffice it to say, members of the B.H.S. can feel proud that the City of Brampton invited us to assume a leadership role.

BRAMPTON OPENS UP

Michael Avis - Vice President & Heritage Liaison

The Ontario Heritage Foundation recently announced the expansion of the highly successful ***"Doors Open Toronto"*** event and has created ***"Doors Open Ontario"***. As part of the Foundation's mission to identify, preserve, protect and promote Ontario's culture and natural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations, Brampton was invited to take part in this annual celebration of buildings and sites of historic or architectural significance. Heritage homes, mills, estates, jails, designated heritage districts, courthouses, churches and places of worship, commercial buildings, heritage schools, museums, entertainment venues are all considered appropriate and worthy of consideration.

The ***"Doors Open"*** concept originated in Glasgow several years ago and has now spread to Europe and Australia. Two years ago it made its first inroads into North America selecting Toronto as its first site. The success was amazing. Hundreds of people lined up for guided tours of Toronto buildings, some of which were not usually open to the public.

Several Ontario cities have been invited to participate, Ottawa and Kingston amongst them. However, Brampton will be the only locale (outside of Toronto) that will be represented in the GTA. The *Brampton Historical Society* has taken the initiative in this project and has organized a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from City Hall, Brampton Arts Council, Brampton Heritage Board, Peel Heritage Complex and the Brampton Downtown Business Association. Invitations have been sent out to over 35 potential participants. Between 12 or 15 locations will be selected for this first demonstration year. ***There will be no admission charge for any location.***

No doubt in the coming months you will be hearing much more about this exciting event scheduled for September 21st & 22nd. We hope all of Brampton and the surrounding area will respond to the bold initiative we have taken. Be it civic pride, heritage appreciation, business or tourism, everybody can be a winner.
Any ideas or suggestions to help us realize the full potential of this major event? ***Better still... Get involved!***

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BHS?

January 17 The Ebenezer Toronto Gore Historical Foundation with **Frances Johnston** and **Don Fieldhouse,** our first 2002 event featured the new historical society on the block. Construction of houses surrounding Ebenezer (Gore and Ebenezer Roads) commenced in the spring of 2001 and forced the Ebenezerites to take a hard look at the future of the pioneer church, cemetery and school at their corner. They formed a heritage foundation to ensure the preservation of their buildings and raise funds for necessary renovations. They are presently in the process of incorporating as a branch of the Ontario Historical Society.

Don Fieldhouse, Bob Oakley, Frances Johnston, Lynne Genova, and Mary Oakley reminisce about Ebenezer anecdotes, despite interference from the paparazzi.

Settlers arrived in the Ebenezer area in the early 1800's, the first reported religious services for the community were held in the schoolhouse built on the Hilltop cemetery grounds on the Gore Road, south of Highway #7.

The Ebenezer Church was part of the Etobicoke Circuit, a large and important one for the Primitive Methodist Church in Upper Canada. Ministers travelled by horseback between the small communities located from nearly Bolton south to Burnhamthorpe Road.

In 1847 the present church site was purchased for five shillings and a mud brick building erected. The present building was built in 1858 and severely damaged in tornado-like winds in 1919 but the roof was replaced and services continued.

June 7, 1998 marked the official closing of Ebenezer United Church. The building and cemetery were left in the care of local trustees. For more info, contact Don Fieldhouse at [redacted] or by email at cdfldhus@pathcom.com.

The BHS sends condolences to **Michael Seaman** and his family on the recent passing of his mother, **Sandra Seaman**. Michael credits her with instilling him with a love of history. She will be missed.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

February 17 Brampton's Heritage Day
Sunday from noon to 4:p.m. Peel Heritage Complex
9 Wellington St. E. Brampton
Free tram rides with Duke and Griff, the Clydesdales. Demonstrations and exhibits from crafters and historical groups (featuring the BHS). Used book sale and, new this year, Mossie's Tea Room: volunteers from Bovaird House will have a tea room with a small charge for tea.

February 21 "Heritage Legislation" with **Robert Saunders** of **Community Heritage Ontario** who will lay down the law for us.

March 21 "Brampton's Theatres, Old and New" stars **Steve Solski.** The Manager of Theatres, City of Brampton takes us behind the scenes.

April 18 "200 Years of Eating and Drinking in Ontario" Dorothy Duncan, Former Executive Director of the **Ontario Historical Society** will more than satisfy your hunger and thirst for culinary knowledge.

May 16 "The Avro Arrow Story" with **Claude Sherwood,** Project Director of Avro Arrow Replica (if Diefenbaker doesn't cancel it).

June 15 Walking Tour of Historic Meadowvale Village led by **Jimmy Holmes.** Buffy's Almanac predicts a sunny day.

September 19 Show and Tell (back by popular demand) with **Brampton Historical Society presenters.** You never know what you will see and hear.

September Walking Tour of Brampton Cemetery (date to be confirmed). Tour guide **Paul Webster,** Manager of Brampton Cemeteries takes us behind the stones.

October 17 "From Cumberland To Ontario: Brampton's Early Settlers" with **Rowena Cooper,** Researcher. A BHS founding member talks about Brampton's founders.

November 21 "150th Anniversary of the Brampton Fall Fair with **Merle Middlebrook,** bound to be a blue ribbon event.

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MOON OVER FLETCHER'S CREEK

Harold Wright

Fletcher's Creek, majestically winding through Brampton.

One of the rewards of editing Buffy's Corner is receiving feedback (preferably favourable) about our publication. Even better are the responses and anecdotes our readers share after reading different stories. Recently we received a letter from Harold Wright that expands on the article: Ye Old Swimming Holes (June 2001)

I can give you some information as to how the swimming hole at Fletcher's Creek was created, because I was one of those who maintained it, if not those who created it. The banks of the creek were being continually eroded at the time of the spring runoff, and this left sod hanging over the bank of the stream. We simply chopped this off by banging at it with our feet, then carried the sod to the outlet of the pond and built a sort of dam to raise the level of the water in the pool.

This particular pool was known as "Big Fletcher's" because there was another pond a short way down the stream which was known as "Little Fletcher's". At this time there was no road between McMurchy Avenue and McLaughlin, so we just walked in over the fields to one or the other. It was in Little Fletcher's that I learned to swim, then later I graduated to Big Fletcher's.

I recall that one of the things that gave us a big kick at Big Fletcher's was to dive into the water when a passenger train was passing, then come up back end first and show the passengers a "moon". We were all quite young fellows, and all swimming was done in the nude. We didn't have the luxury of swimsuits or towels. Once we finished swimming, we just sat around on the bank of the stream until we had dried off enough to put on our clothes.

One thing that I might mention is the fact that the stream did not run in the summer. The water that was there when the spring rains quit was the water we swam in for the rest of the season!!

Write on, Harold! Thanks for the giving us the bare bones and cool facts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Historic Bovaird House

Re-Opening: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 12-4 p.m. mid February 2002
SE corner Kennedy Road and Bovaird Drive, Brampton
Info: 905-874-2804 and www.bovairdhouse.ca
Email: bovairdhouse@hotmail.com

Halton - Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society

Pre-1860 Records
Speaker: Kathie Orr
Sunday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.
Chinguacousy Branch - Brampton Public Library
150 Central Park Drive, Brampton

Highlights of the Peel Archives
Speaker: Diane Kuster
Sunday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.
Chinguacousy Branch - Brampton Public Library
150 Central Park Drive, Brampton

Info: call **Dorothy Kew, 905-631-9060**

Friends of the Schoolhouse

Visit the Schoolhouse
On the 2nd Sunday of every month the Old Britannia Schoolhouse will be open from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Info: 905-459-9158 and www.britanniaschoolhouse.org

Look for big celebrations in May when the schoolhouse turns 150. Since 1959, when Britannia Schoolhouse formally closed, it has become a living historical tribute to our rural past and early school days. Contact the Reunion Committee or Eva Ardiel (905-459-9158) if you were ever associated with the schoolhouse and have school memorabilia.

Esquesing Historical Society

Acton: The History of Leathertown
Author Mark Rowe will highlight the features of the first book to explore Acton's history from 1819 to 2000.
Wed. Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown.

Bookbinding and Restorations
Keith Felton will share his talents and knowledge about binding, repairing and restoring books.
Wed. Mar. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown

I've got nothing to say... and I'm only going to say it once.
Floyd Smith

STARTING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Dorothy Kew, Chair, Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society

Dorothy Kew and assistant Jane Watt.

Genealogical research is the second fastest growing hobby in North America. More and more people are researching their family history than ever before. While everybody's family history is unique, the methods we use are consistent, no matter where we are researching.

The cardinal rule of genealogical research is -- **Start with Yourself and Work Back!** Perhaps you have heard that your family is descended from a famous person. You should resist all urges to begin your research with this individual and work down to yourself, because you may be following the wrong line. So, begin with yourself and record everything you know about yourself -- using the **"Name Date Place"** principle: where and when you were born, where and when you married, if applicable, and to whom.

You are then ready for the next step which is to record everything you know about your parents, again using the **"Name Date Place"** principle: their birth, marriage, death if applicable. When you've done this, on to the next step. You have now doubled the number of people you're researching. You are now about to record everything you know about your grandparents, using the same principle. Each fact that you find will give you enough information to go back to the previous generation.

By now you're asking what sort of facts should you be looking for? A very good first step, which no one should ignore, is to talk to your parents and your grandparents, if they are alive, as well as other family members. Listen to their stories. Make notes. Your task later on will be to confirm (or refute) those stories. Sometimes the family stories are inaccurate... but often they are correct, or there is just enough truth in there to lead you on to the next step! Look for family documents... birth or baptismal records, marriage records, records of school, university, military service... letters, diaries, the family bible! All of these can give you clues to the past. It also helps to read books on how to do genealogical research. For Canadians, one of the best is *In Search of Your Canadian Roots* by Angus Baxter. I strongly recommend *Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records* by Brenda Dougall Merriman. It is not a how-to-do-it book. Rather it will tell you what records are available for Ontario and where to find them.

Basic Records of Genealogical Research

I'm not going to go into extensive detail about all the possible records one can use in genealogical research. I will briefly describe two of the most used types of records, the most basic ones that you will use, and perhaps ones you will use most often. They are the civil registration of births, marriages and deaths and the census. One important thing to keep in mind is that you should know the administrative areas where the records were created. This will help you with your research. So, for example, in using the census, it helps to know where one's family settled in Ontario. If you were looking for church records you would need to know what the diocese was (if Anglican or Roman Catholic) or the circuit (if Methodist) in which your ancestors lived, in order to find their records of baptism or burial.

Civil Registration or Vital Statistics

Registration of births, marriages and deaths is a **provincial** responsibility. If you are researching outside of Ontario you need to contact the province which would have registered the births, marriages and deaths. Ontario began this registration in 1869. Prior to this the recording of these events would have taken place in various churches and the events themselves are referred to as baptisms, marriages and burials. Although the province began registering these events in 1869, registration was not always complied with, so it is possible within the first few years that some events may not be found. Within certain time limits these records are available on microfilm at the Archives of Ontario and can be ordered from there on interlibrary loan, using their Interlibrary Loan Catalogue. The cut-off dates are roughly as follows: 95 years for births, 80 years for marriages, 70 years for deaths.

Each year another year's worth is microfilmed. The magic dates at this moment are as follows:

Births	1869-1904
Marriages	1869-1919
Deaths	1869-1929

After these dates you must apply to the Office of the Registrar General in Thunder Bay. Whereas there is no charge to use the records from the Archives, the charge for a certified copy from the Registrar General is $22.00 and restrictions apply as to who is entitled to get these documents. Many libraries have the indexes

to these records on microfilm, including The Chinguacousy Resource Centre of the Brampton Public Library and the Region of Peel Archives, so customers can use them, first to verify that the event took place, and secondly to find the registration number and then order the microfilm with the actual record by interlibrary loan from the Archives of Ontario.

Census Records for Ontario

As of 1867 the census is a **federal** responsibility carried out every ten years. Here the magic dates are 1851 to 1901. Some earlier censuses were carried out prior to 1851 but they were of heads of household only. From 1851 on the census is nominal, i.e. everyone in the household is named. Generally the type of information one finds on the census is name, age, sex, country of birth, origin, religion, profession or occupation, marital status, etc. (These may vary from one census to another.) The 1901 census also includes colour, date of birth, year of emigration to Canada, if applicable, and it is also possible to find a person's address in the schedules.

The census is important because it puts the family unit together in one place at one time, and knowing the family's religion may help in locating pre-civil registration church records. The Chinguacousy Resource Centre of the Brampton Public Library has the complete census for Ontario. Peel Archives have the censuses for Peel County only. You should note that, except for the 1871 census, the censuses are not indexed for all of Ontario by name, although various branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society may have indexed censuses for their areas. For example, you will find that the censuses for Halton County have been completely indexed and are available on the HALINET web site, at www.hhpl.on.ca.

There are two finding aids for these records, the *Catalogue of Census Returns, 1666-1891,* and one for 1901. The Index to the 1871 census for Ontario can be found on the Internet at the National Archives of Canada web site, www.archives.ca. The index is arranged by head of household and strays (i.e. someone in a household whose name is different than that of the head of the household.)

What if your research is in another country, or you have already done your Canadian research and want to go back to the country of origin? There are books on how to do research in other countries, but there are also other options. One is the FamilySearch program, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, i.e. LDS, also known as Mormons. It is part of their religious beliefs to do genealogical research, in order to baptise those members of their families who have died, and bring them into the church. In order to do this the Church has gone all over the world and microfilmed millions of records in many countries. These microfilm records are kept in Salt Lake City and may be borrowed at a nominal cost on interlibrary loan at the various Family History Centres around the world.

The Latter-day Saints, or LDS as they are commonly called, have developed a computer program on CD-ROM called FamilySearch, which consists of several databases. The main ones are the Ancestral File, the International Genealogical Index (AKA the IGI), and the Family History Library Catalogue. This program is also now available on the Internet at the web site www.familysearch.org. The Ancestral File is a good source to use to see if anyone else is researching the same name you are.

Knowing that someone else is doing similar research can save you some work, keeping in mind that it's always a good idea to check other people's research. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is an index of ordinances, which have been performed in the various Mormon temples all over the world. (Ordinances are the various rituals the LDS members carry out, and are called baptism, endowment and sealing.) The records that form the source for these ordinances are mainly parish records of baptism and marriage. The great advantage of using the IGI is that one can search by locality wherever the LDS have carried out these ordinances. People using the IGI, however, should treat what they find as a secondary source and try to find the original record of baptism or marriage. You can use the Family History Library Catalogue to search for records of birth, marriage and death, as well as other records that may have been microfilmed by the LDS, such as immigration records, census records, records of land ownership and wills, and numerous other items. These are arranged by locality.

Finally, what about the ***Internet*** as a genealogical tool? In some ways it is a fantastic help, in that it enables people with common research interests to communicate at great distances through email, newsgroups, and listserves (mailing lists). There are literally thousands of web sites on the ***Internet*** which are dedicated to genealogical research. Some of them are very good and some are pretty bad. All sorts of people put their family history research on the World Wide Web, not all of it well-documented, so one should beware!

To recap: begin your family history research with yourself and work back. Talk to your family and get all the information you can. Then, using the civil registration and the census, confirm or refute what you have been told! Genealogical research can be frustrating, but it can also be very rewarding!

MARVELLOUS MAP UPDATE

Prints of the restored 1857 Plan of the Town of Brampton (Bristow & Fitzgerald Surveyors) are selling like hot cakes, over 200 so far. $15.00 (including tax). Contact Gerry Clarkson (905-455-8635) to purchase one.

A copy of the map is presented to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. (l to r) Heather Gunter, Michael Avis, Peter Murphy, Theresa Racco, Gerry Clarkson, Ken Adamson and Linda Zanella.

We expect to see a giant leap forward in history results in the Brampton school system now that the 101 schools in our city have received a complementary print of Brampton's earliest known map. Students' studies will now be stuff of legend.

SCUTTLEBUTT AROUND THE CORNER

The BHS would like to thank **Nortel Networks Golden Valley Club** for their generous donation to the SOS (Save the Station) fund. The Golden Valley Club, Nortel Network retirees or spouses, is a social and community action group; their fund-raising activities benefit charitable organizations. Their donation to the SOS Fund reflects their community side. Supporters such as the Golden Valley Club keep us going. We thank all the members who have donated to the BHS and remind others that donations over $20.00 receive an income tax deductible receipt.

Treasurer **Gerry Clarkson** will present a financial statement for members at the March 2002 meeting.

The Peel Heritage Complex honoured **Rowena Cooper** January 24th when she retired as reference archivist from the Region of Peel Archives. Rowena will continue to volunteer, assisting with research as she moves on with other pursuits.

BHS Meetings - the third Thursday of the month, from January to May and September to November, 7:15 p.m. Heart Lake Presbyterian Church, 25 Ruth St., Brampton Wheelchair-accessible; Free to members; others: $5

SONGS OF THE PLOUGHMAN

By Samuel Connor, written August 29, 1925

A poem written about Huttonville Park, "a beautiful place for bathing and all sorts of sport. It is as famous as Portrush and large crowds visit it every day", according to its poet, a former resident of Largy, Limavady, Ireland.

I'm a native of Erin, the land I adore,
Affection still clings to my own native shore,
A cottage there stands by the Roe's winding stream,
Of which in my ramblings I often may dream.
But I almost forget it when gay as a lark,
I bask in the pleasures of Huttonville Park.

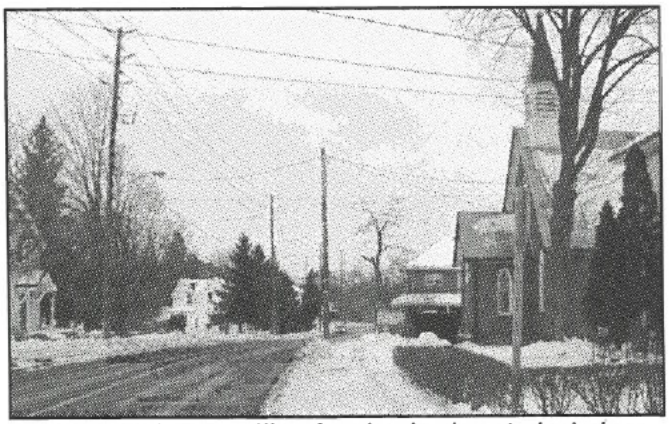
Here the birds warble blithely among the green trees,
That spread out their blooms to the bright humming bees;
A rustly so gay the fresh balmy air
Ah, me! I have ne'er met a valley so fair;
I miss but the song of the gay Irish lark
To complete the sweet charms of famed Huttonville Park.

I often have trod on the shores of Portrush
Where often one hardly could, more for the crush
I've plunged in the spray of the famous Blue Pool
Its waters no doubt were both pleasant and cool;
Their charms may be golden; yet let me remark
We here have their rival in Huttonville Park.

Here, in aquatic glee, sexes blend I perceive,
How clever the feats which they boldly achieve.
They can play with the water and swim like a frog,
Or lie still and motionless and float like a log;
They are almost amphibious, can dive like a shark.
OH! An exquisiste Eden in Huttonville Park.

Here the cheers of the sportsmen are heard on the green,
In the best recreation I ever have seen;
And the screams of the young as they rush through the air;
Like swallows on wing, in the high swinging chair,
Oh, I could abide here from dawning till dark
With the friends I love best in famed Huttonville Park.

From The Vale of the Roe, Poems by Samuel Connor "Largy Ploughman Poet" and his nephew Joseph Mulgrew "Roe Valley Poet", Published 1990, Conly George, Limavady.



Embleton Road, Huttonville, after the ploughman's day is done.

KEE NOTES FROM FRED

By Fred Kee

Westervelt's Corners: "No. 10"

At the corner of Ten Sideroad and Highway "10" was a small frame building that I believe may have been an inn or a meeting house. However, in Frances Dodd's history of No.10 she says it was used as a school, prior to her grandfather using it as a house, after 1870.

However, the first log school was located on 10 Sideroad, opposite the present-day Historic Bovaird House, according to the Tremaine Map of 1859. I have the date stone of S.S. No 22 dated 1864, that was the property of Elliott Snyder since his father had been a trustee in those early days.

Elisha Dodd's family occupied the house until 1886 when it was purchased by James and Frances Bovaird, three years out of Donegal, Ireland. And so the history of the Bovaird family began in the Westervelt's Corners.

In the small frame house with the old cast iron pump that sat on the best well in No.10 and used by all the neighbours, James "Jimmy" and Frances "Fanny " raised eleven children. The family was Mary, Annie, Jane, James, Robert, David, John, Frances, Griselda, William and Hannah.

Jimmy Bovaird was a great horseman, who bred and raised thoroughbred horses. He owned a stallion of good quality and also a mare named "Rose of Fromme" that had won top prizes at the Royal Winter Fair in 1931.

In the early days he rode horseback and sold leather goods and shoelaces. He also peddled fish around town that he got off trains at the Grand Trunk (C.N.) station each day.

The Bovairds built a large stable near the little frame house to keep his horses. Jimmy rented the fifty acres from Westervelt on Highway 7 for pasture. There was an old barn and a frame house on this property but, due to lack of maintenance, they disappeared.

David kept a few milk cows that also pasture on this farm. He brought them along the highway twice a day to be milked at the barn at home. In those days traffic did not create a problem.

North of the Bovaird house, Mr. Bullock had a brick house and there was a large carpenter's shop between his house and the Bovaird house. This house became the home of Robert Bovaird when he got married and was the birthplace of Dr. W.C. Bovaird and his sister Fanny Sanger. Eventually when "Dr. Bill" married, the carpenter's shop was dismantled and rebuilt as a pony barn behind Robert's house and Dr. Bovaird built a new house on that site next to Jimmy's house.

North of Robert's house was a small, roughcast house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cation, and next to it was a small frame house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ervastie Bunting.

Oral history claims that when the church across the road closed and the building was moved north to the Gummerson farm and used as a garage, the Bunting house was moved on to this lot and became a butcher shop. However, no one knows who was the butcher and in my school days it was the home of Mrs. Bell and her family.

To be continued...

Application for membership in the **BRAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY (bramhis@rogers.com)**

Name: _____

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_____

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☐ **I enclose a Household Membership fee of $20 for a full year or $10 for a half year**

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